

I did not support the creation of this Cabinet level Department, but I applaud Chairman THOMPSON for his efforts in this reauthorization. Coordination is the goal, not confusion of authority.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 1294, THOMASINA E. JORDAN INDIAN TRIBES OF VIRGINIA FEDERAL RECOGNITION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2007*

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1294, the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2006. This is a bill that is long overdue and provides an opportunity to right an historical wrong.

As clearly outlined in the language of this legislation, these six tribes are of great historical significance. These tribes were some of the first Native Americans to come into contact with European settlers, and save for the active cooperation of these tribes, a number of the first English settlements in America may not have survived.

Having clearly impacted the course of our Nation and having endured in a country of drastic change and challenges for four centuries, I am pleased to support a bill that will provide these six tribes federal recognition at long last.

Mr. Speaker, the only reservation I have with this bill is the fact that it prohibits every single one of these tribes from gaming. For if indeed this bill passes "into public law, these tribes should be afforded every right they deserve as a sovereign entity as granted to them under the Constitution of the United States. These tribes should not have to bargain away any one piece of their sovereignty they have

sought to preserve in order to receive federal recognition. This diminishes the tribes, and places them at a lesser status than states and other tribes. In the future, I hope that Congress recognizes that it is not fair to blackmail tribes into giving up part of their rights in order to provide them sovereignty.

With that said, Mr. Speaker, I recognize that these tribes negotiated with the House and the state in which they reside and ultimately agreed to this prohibition on their right to engage in certain forms of lawful economic activities. Therefore, although I fear the precedent this may establish, I honor the settlement reached between the House, the state of Virginia, and the tribes, and urge my colleagues to support passage of H.R. 1294.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 281.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously, and if I had been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 281.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, for the past 15 years, communities across the United States have set aside the first full week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week.

2007 DISCLOSURE

Common & Preferred Stock	No. of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc. ....	12200	55.80	680,760.00
Alcatel-Lucent .....	135	11.82	1,595.70
Allstate Corporation .....	370	60.06	22,222.20
AT&T .....	2944,044	39.43	116,083.65
JP Morgan Chase .....	4539	48.38	219,596.82
Benton County Mining Company .....	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC .....	3604	64.75	233,359.00
Centerpoint Energy .....	300	17.94	5,382.00
Chenega Country Club Realty Co. ....	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast .....	634	25.95	16,452.30
Darden Restaurants, Inc. ....	1440	41.19	59,313.60
Delphi Automotive .....	212	2.90	614.80
Dunn & Bradstreet, Inc. ....	2500	91.20	228,000.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp. ....	1200	49.43	59,316.00
Eastman Chemical Co. ....	270	63.33	17,099.10
Eastman Kodak .....	1080	22.56	24,364.80
El Paso Energy .....	150	14.47	2,170.50
Exxon Mobil Corp. ....	9728	75.45	733,977.60
Gartner Group .....	651	23.95	15,591.45
General Electric Co. ....	15600	35.36	551,616.00
General Mills, Inc. ....	2280	58.22	132,741.60
General Motors Corp. ....	304	30.64	9,314.56
Hospira .....	1220	40.90	49,898.00
Idearc .....	67	35.10	2,351.70
Imation Corp. ....	99	40.38	3,997.62
IMS Health .....	5000	29.66	148,300.00
Kellogg Corp. ....	3200	51.43	164,576.00
Kimberly-Clark Corp. ....	6384	68.49	437,240.16
Merck & Co., Inc. ....	34078	44.17	1,505,225.26
3M Company .....	2000	76.43	152,860.00
Medco Health .....	4109	72.53	298,025.77
Monsanto Corporation .....	2852,315	54.96	156,763.23
Moody's .....	2500	62.06	155,150.00
Morgan Stanley/Dean Whitter .....	312	78.76	24,573.12
NCR Corp. ....	98	47.77	4,688.36
Newell Rubbermaid .....	1676	31.09	52,106.84
JP Morgan Liquid Assets Money Mkt .....	4533.72	1.00	4,533.72
Pactiv Corp. ....	200	33.74	6,748.00
PG&E Corp. ....	175	48.27	8,447.25
Pfizer .....	22211	25.26	561,049.86

As the school year winds down in many areas of the country, this week gives us the opportunity to thank these individuals for making a difference and for helping all of us succeed in school and in life.

As a former educator, and the son of one of the best teachers I know, I wanted to take the time to recognize the educators who give so much of their time and personal freedom to accomplish so much for the future of our country.

As Henry Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

Today I encourage my colleagues to remember those teachers whose influence continues in these Chambers and throughout the world.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 10, 2007*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2007, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the 28 preceding years I have served in the Congress.

ASSETS

Real property	Value
Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,523,982). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered) .....	\$1,523,982.00
Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered) .....	148,300.00
Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,659,700. ....	943,011.36
Total Real Property .....	\$2,615,293.36